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PSC OPENS CASE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS BANKRUPTCIES..... WORLDCom REQUESTED TO APPEAR BEFORE COMMISSION

Jefferson City (August 15, 2002)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has opened a case to receive information on the effects of telecommunications carrier bankruptcies in Missouri. "In part, this case has been established in light of the WorldCom bankruptcy," stated Public Service Commission Chairman Kelvin Simmons. "We continue to monitor that situation and how that bankruptcy could impact Missouri telecommunications customers and providers who offer services to WorldCom affiliates. At this time, we have not received any information that would indicate that WorldCom affiliates have not or will not be able to serve its Missouri customers," stated Simmons.

"We have initiated a case in order to have information supplied to us regarding the WorldCom situation and the effects of a bankruptcy involving telecommunications carriers operating in Missouri," stated Chairman Simmons.

The Commission's order opening the case states: "The Commission is authorized and required to inform itself as to the general condition of telephone corporations operating in Missouri, including the adequacy of their service." Telecommunications bankruptcies such as WorldCom raise questions as to the ability of these carriers to continue to provide safe, adequate and nondiscriminatory services to customers at just and reasonable rates. There are also questions about the impact of these bankruptcies on other telecommunications carriers operating in Missouri. The Commission's order continues: "Together with the bankruptcies, the

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Commission has seen an increase in expedited requests for additional and expanded certifications by carriers desirous of purchasing the assets and customer base of defunct carriers.”

“With this case,” Chairman Simmons noted, “the Commission will be able to determine what actions, if any, could be taken by this Commission to protect the public with respect to telecommunications bankruptcies.”

As part of this case, WorldCom, Inc., Intermedia Communications, Inc., TTI National, Inc., Brooks Fiber Communications of Missouri, Inc., MCI WORLDCOM Communications, Inc., MCI WORLDCOM Network Services, Inc., MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC, Metropolitan Fiber Systems of St. Louis, Inc., and Teleconnect Long Distance Services & Systems Co. have been asked to jointly make an on-the-record presentation to the Commission on Thursday, September 19th beginning at 2 p.m. This on-the-record presentation will regard the status of the bankruptcy and its expected impact on Missouri customers and on other telephone corporations operating in Missouri. This on-the-record presentation will be held in the Commission’s offices in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, in Jefferson City. The above parties are ordered to file quarterly status reports with the Commission beginning September 1, 2002, on the current status of the bankruptcy and the impact of the bankruptcy on Missouri customers as well as other telephone corporations providing service in Missouri.

WorldCom, through its affiliates, provides telecommunications services in a competitive environment and as such the Missouri Public Service Commission has limited jurisdiction in that area. Companies must have a certificate of service authority from the Missouri Public Service Commission in order to provide service in Missouri. In addition, the Commission requires competitive companies to have tariffs on file with the Missouri PSC which detail their services and the rates they charge Missouri customers.

On July 21, 2002, WorldCom Incorporated filed for bankruptcy protection. WorldCom is the parent company of a number of affiliates including the MCI Group.